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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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FOR CU/CP

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OEXC, IS

SUBJECT: 1976 ISRAEL FESTIVAL

1. EMBASSY APPROACHED BY FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN AND MINISTRY
EDUCATION & CULTURE FOR SUPPORT OF TWO MAJOR BICENTENNIAL
EVENTS:

MERCE CUNNINGHAM DANCERS AND
ROGER EAGNER CHORALE

2. FESTIVAL HAS OPTION ON DANCERS AUGUST 7-12 FOR 6
PERFORMANCES AMERICAN CHOREOGRAPHY SET TO AMERICAN MUSIC.
FEE IS \$35,000 PLUS ESTIMATED \$15,000 LOCAL EXPENSES FOR
HALLS, PUBLICITY ETC. COULD CU/CP UNDERWRITE HALF (\$17,500)
OF CUNNINGHAM FEE? ESTIMATED PROCEEDS FROM TICKET SALES
\$30,000 LEAVING \$20,000 LOSS. UNDERSTAND GROUP MAY BE
APPEARING IN AVIGNON, SHIRAZ AND ATHENS JULY - AUGUST
TIME FRAME. IS CU CONSIDERING SUPPORT OF TOUR;

3. FESTIVAL ABLE PAY ROGER WAGNER \$24,000 FEE FOR
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APPEARANCES AUGUST 2-12 TIME FRAME IN ALL AMERICAN

PROGRAMS, AND ALSO FUND COSTS ISRAEL CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
ACCOMPANIMENT PLUS ALL OTHER LOCAL COSTS. UNDERSTAND
WAGNER MAY HAVE APPROACHED CU/CP RE SHIRAZ-TEL AVIV-ATHENS
DUBRONVNIK MOSCOW-WARS AW TOUR. CAN CU/CP COVER
TRANSPORTATION ONLY OF 80 MEMBER CHORALE TO AND FROM TEL AVIV?
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